



## CITY BRIEFS.

Major W. C. Cox went to the Freedmen's Hospital sick last week.

Mrs. Hawkins of Ridge street northwest, is sick.

Sergeant Freddie Murrell, son of Col. Wm. Murrell, who died last week at the Freedmen's Hospital, was buried at Arlington, Va.

The pupils of the 8th grade Randall school gave a dinner to the teachers on last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. James O. Holmes, 333 Virginia avenue, southwest, has the only colored hotel in that section of the city. He has all kinds of game in season, put up in the best style. Go to Holmes Hotel when you come to town.

The opening of the Clyde Hotel, 475 Missouri avenue northwest, was a success. The welcome address was delivered by Attorney Thomas L. Jones.

Mr. C. C. Curtis, secretary of the Colored Bureau of Information of the National Peace Jubilee, may be found at Clyde Hotel, 475 Missouri ave. n. w.

Dr. James H. Waring, supervising principal of the 10th division, is one of the most active teachers in the public schools.

Superintendent George F. T. Cook gave a fine drill to Mrs. Grimke, the newly appointed trustee, last week in the Summer building, which contains more pupils than any building under his supervision. Every pupil was out of the building in 10 minutes.

Maj. George H. Harries is to be the next city postmaster.

Justice E. M. Hewlett is the first attorney who succeeded in obtaining a qualified verdict under the new law.

The District democrats will send one or two colored alternates to the next democratic national convention.



FOUNTAIN PEYTON, ESQ.,  
of counsel for Humphrey Taylor.

Very Low Rates  
National Peace Jubilee,  
Washington, D. C.  
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

For the National Peace Jubilee, to be held at Washington, D. C., May 23, 24 and 25, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will sell excursion tickets at One Fare for the Round Trip from points on its line east of Pittsburgh, Parkersburg and Wheeling inclusive, except from the following points from which round trip tickets will be sold as named: New York, \$8.00; Philadelphia, \$5.00; Chester, \$4.50; Wilmington, \$4.00; Baltimore, \$2.00.

Tickets will be sold May 22 and 23, and will be good to return 10 days including date of sale.

The program is as follows:  
May 23—Parade of Military and Naval organizations. Salutes from gunboats. Ringing of chimes and band concerts.  
May 24—Parade of school children. Parade of civic organizations. All vehicles in the streets to be decorated with flowers.  
May 25—Historical Pageant, illustrating U. S. Soldiers and Sailors of each of the American conflicts. Grand illuminations and fireworks at night.

## DEER PARK HOTEL.

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For rates and information address D. C. Jones, Manager, B & O Building, Baltimore, Md., until June 10th. After that time, Deer Park, Garrett Co. Md.

## REMEMBER THE DATE.

Academy of Music, Friday evening June 9th 1899. New era in local musical circles, Future Washington Permanent Chorus and Hoffman's Concert Band 35 musicians.

## REAL ESTATE

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FOR SALE—Near New York avenue and North Capital street, new, buff brick residence, 6 rooms, cellar and bath, newly papered and decorated; has all modern improvements and conveniences: mirror mantels, speaking tubes, electric bells, etc.

This property is nicely located in an improving section of the city. The new electric cars will pass within a half block. This property, \$3,000, on monthly payments about the same as rent.

FOR SALE—In the northwest, very desirably located, a dwelling and store together, brick, large store room, dining room and kitchen on the first floor, 4 bedrooms and bath on second floor, all modern improvements. Shelving and counters complete. Price, \$5,500, on very easy terms. This is an investment worthy of immediate attention.

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On Easy Terms

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## CONGRESSIONAL LYCEUM.

Religion vs. Science, was the subject of an admirable paper read by Mr. W. L. Houston of the record and pension division, War Department, before the lyceum Sunday afternoon last. Mr. Houston's paper clearly showed that he was familiar with all of the great importance to mankind that had been visibly accomplished by the founders of the leading religious sects of the world and by the great men of science and art. He referred to Confucius, Buddha and Mahomet as founders of religious creeds and that much of their teachings was similar to that to be found in our Bible. Copernicus and Galileo had discovered myriads of worlds and these had put at naught the old theory that a plurality of worlds was insupportable, that Magellan's trip around the world explored the second theory that it was flat; geologist had demonstrated that the earth was not created in seven of our days, as many yet believe; and that chemistry had discovered remedies in nature for the purposes of healing, which the pious priests had not been able to discover in sacred relics and rags.

Messrs. L. C. Moore, W. L. Board and Parker, Lawyer J. H. Stewart, Prof. J. Iner and others participated in the discussion of the paper. In his reply Mr. Houston met the objections raised and quoted largely from the Jewish Talmud, the Koran, the Hindoo Vedas and other sacred books.

Tomorrow Rev. Dr. R. E. Hart of Israel C. M. E. Church will read a paper entitled, "Watchman what of the negro's night."

## NEGRO MEN AND WOMEN WHY NOT READ NEGRO NEWS-PAPERS?

From the Palladium.

Why not be consistent? Why not be informed of the news among our people. When we ask some colored men to subscribe for a newspaper edited and controlled by negro men, they tell us that they read the daily papers and that they don't learn anything out of negro newspapers.

We'll let us see—show us one paper in this country that is really an up-to-date paper, that will speak of the negro as they speak of the white men or women—not one, with all their professed love of the principles of the republican party. Yet we see young negroes and old negroes with their pockets full of newspapers—and really that is all—they never read the paper to see how insultingly they talk of the negro and his race.

Now if they never read after their own race how can they ever expect to be anything less than hewers of wood and drawers of water.

We will cite them, that do not read negro newspapers, to stop and think, will you always submit to the white man, to still think for you, write for you and produce for you? Can you think and write, if so, then put it on paper, and have others to read after you.

To those that love to read let me ask them to read the *Christian Recorder*, published by Rev. H. T. Johnson; the *Richmond Planet*, edited by John Mitchell; the *Washington Bee*, edited by W. Calvin Chase; the *Southern Recorder*, edited by R. M. Cheek and other papers that we could mention, and see what our people are doing, you will then be convinced that our people are doing something, and you will then have your pockets filled with papers edited by negro men.

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## BUSHY-TAILED ANIMALS

Manner in Which They Make Use of Their Tails When Asleep.

"Some of our wild animals," said a naturalist, "carry about with them all summer that which nature has evidently intended as a substitute for their winter blankets. I mean their tails of course. So far as I have been able to judge the bushy-tailed animals know no other use for their tails than as protection against the cold. Did you ever see a fox sleeping? That is one sight of which the most patient student of wild life cannot always boast, because a fox is always wide awake and has a general antipathy to being looked at. My own observations with sleeping ones have been confined to two that I raised from pups. When it was cold they would shrink up and seem fairly to wrap their tails about them. When the air grew warmer they would uncoil a little and sometimes discard the tail entirely, just about as impatiently as a sleeping child will kick off the covers when he gets too warm in the night. I do not think that this attitude is habitual with sleeping foxes. When the weather was warm they did not curl up at all, but lay sprawling with their tails on the ground behind them.

"The raccoon makes the same use of his tail. Did you ever see one preparing for a nap? Like the fox, he goes to sleep on his side, but he makes more fuss about it than a lazy lad getting up in the morning. First he hitches up his shoulders and arches his back, and in the cavity thus formed he carefully tucks away his knees and elbows and head. Then he brings his tail up close, the end of it curving over his head. He unwinds himself half a dozen times before he gets curled up to his satisfaction, and when finally arranged he resembles nothing quite so much as a muff without the customary openings. The squirrel also covers himself with his tail, sleeping upright and propped against something.

"In fact," concluded the naturalist, "this is true of every bushy-tailed animal I have been on terms of sufficient intimacy to see asleep. It is a very kindly arrangement nature has made for their comfort, and they do not seem to mind very much carrying around their winter blankets in the summer. If they did not carry them with them wherever they went they would probably lose them, as the red man proves in his tale of the bear and the rabbit."

—New York Sun.

## Public Eating Houses.

Public eating houses are established in a number of German cities to provide meals for workmen at cheap prices so as to do away with the evil effects of the dinner pail. Those in Chemnitz during 1893 sold 435,000 dinners; receipts were \$17,500, and expenditures, \$15,500. The City of Grenoble, France, also maintains a municipal restaurant at which about 1,200 meals a day are served. At the outset the enterprise needed municipal aid, but it is now self-supporting. The municipality owns a property used, for which it receives a nominal rent, and the accounts are reported in the books of the municipality. Any surplus is deposited in the city treasury, as a reserve to draw from when prices of provisions are high. There are also other instances throughout France of similar institutions without municipal aid, several establishments being in operation at Paris, Lyons, and Bordeaux.

Somewhat akin to such institutions are municipal bakeries, which are to be found at Rome and at Kovno, in Russia. Stockholm owns municipal liquor stores for the working classes, who cannot obtain drink without ordering food.

## Bringing the Time of Day.

In Ulster, Eng., you can find the "bull" flourishing; here is a pretty example of the acted "bull." A certain squire had just set up with great pains and elaborate mathematical calculations, a sun-dial in his garden, and was naturally a little proud of it. One day, as it so happened, being close to the garden, he was in doubt as to the right time, and told a boy who was with him to run down and get him the time from the dial. After a few minutes the boy appeared dragging with him something heavy. "Here she is, yer Honor, an' hard set Ah was to get her up." He had torn up the dial from its setting and dragged it up the hill.

Arab music has been described as the singing of a prima donna who has ruptured her voice in trying to sing a duet with herself. Each note starts from somewhere between a sharp and a flat, but does not stop even there, and splits up into four or more portions, of which no person can be expected to catch more than one at a time.

The drink bill of Great Britain just published shows that the Englishman drinks 2.41 gallons of alcohol a year. Next to him comes the Scotchman, with an appetite slaked with 1.66 gallons. The Irishman contents himself with 1.54 gallons. The first spends \$20.50 a year for his drinks, the second \$15.25 and the third \$13.25.

In Paris and other large towns in France female bootblacks are increasing in number. They wear a peculiar garb, not unlike that of Sisters of Mercy, which renders their appearance rather neat and attractive. Not a few among them attend to their work with gloved hands.

Canada needs only 237,000 square miles to be as large as the whole continent of Europe; it is nearly 30 times as large as Great Britain and Ireland, and is 5,000 square miles larger than the United States, excluding Alaska.

The Chinese detective force is a secret body, and the best organized in the world. They have an eye upon every man, woman or child, foreign or native, in China, and, in addition, watch over each other.

There is a belief among the South Sea Islanders that no man can enter Paradise who has lost a limb, and for this reason a man will often die rather than submit to amputation.

It is calculated that 10,000,000 photographs of the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales are produced annually, and find a ready sale all over the world.

Among the coachmen of Berlin are seven retired army officers, three ex-pastors and sixteen nobles.

## WHICH FOOT WALKS FASTER

One Leg Will Invariably Take a Longer Stride Than the Other.

You may think this is a very silly question to ask, but is it? There is no catch about it. It is a simple, demonstrable fact, which you can prove to your own satisfaction in a very few minutes.

If you will take any pavement that is clear of other pedestrians, so that there shall be no interference, and walk briskly in the center, you will find that before you have gone a hundred yards you will have veered very much to one side. You must not make any conscious effort, of course, to keep in the center, or you may do it, but if you will think of something and endeavor to walk naturally it is a hundred to one you cannot keep a direct line.

The explanation of this lies in the peculiarity of one foot to walk faster than the other. Or, to be more correct, perhaps it should be said that one leg takes a longer stride than the other, and this, combined with the quicker movement, causes one to walk more to one side than the other.

It is well known, for instance, that if one be lost in the woods the tendency is to walk in a circle and eventually to return about to the starting point. This demonstrates the fact also that one foot walks faster than the other.

You can try an interesting experiment in this way if you will place two stakes in the lawn, about eight feet apart, and then stand off about sixty feet from them, allow yourself to be blindfolded, and endeavor to walk between them. You will find it an almost impossible task, because one foot will go a bit faster than the other, either to the right or left. Now, which one of your feet walks faster than the other?

## The Supply of Babies.

It has been computed that about 36,000,000 babies are born into the world each year. The rate of production is, therefore, about seventy per minute, or more than one for every beat of the clock.

With the one-a-second calculation every reader is familiar, but it is not every one who stops to calculate what this means when it comes to a year's supply. It will, therefore, probably startle a good many persons to find, on the authority of a well known statistician, that, could the infants of a year be ranged in line in cradles, the cradles would extend around the world.

The same writer looks at the matter in a more picturesque light. He imagines the babies carried past a given point in their mother's arms, one by one, and the process being kept up night and day until the last hour in the twelfth month had passed by. A sufficiently liberal rate is allowed, but even in going past at the rate of twenty a minute, 1,200 an hour during the entire year, the reviewer at his post would have seen only the sixth part of the infantile host.

In other words, the babe that had to be carried when the tramp began would be able to walk when but a mere fraction of its comrades had reached the reviewer's post, and when the year's supply of babies was drawing to a close there would be a rear guard, not of infants, but of romping six-year-old boys and girls.

## Chinese Prescriptions.

The taking of a first dose of Chinese medicine is an ordeal which can be better imagined than described. It is invariably a bitter decoction. If the patient prefers, the herbs are given him in square pasteboard boxes holding about a pint each, and he "cooks" them at home. A Chinese prescription contains from ten to sixteen varieties of herbs, flowers, nuts, gums, barks, and roots. More than 3,000 species are classified and used as medicine, but of these only some 600 are in general use. Whether the patient takes the remedies at the sanitarium or at home, he is requested to present himself every day before the doctor for another pulse examination, so that every change in his condition may be noted and the prescription may be varied accordingly.

The Chinese are clever chemists in the line of pharmaceutical preparations, and prepare many medicines for their own use in the form of pills and powders; but these are employed by the Chinese physicians in treating the ailments of white people only to a limited extent. The reason given is that the simple, hot decoctions of the fresh root or plant are the best form, because the most readily assimilated into the system.

## Siamese Childmarking.

Every Siamese child who reaches a certain age without marrying is ticketed and labelled and placed in a privileged class, under the special care of the king, who binds himself to find a husband for them all. His method is delightfully simple. A prisoner in one of the Siamese jails may gain his pardon and release by marrying one of the ineligible class. Whether he is already married or not is not of great consequence, for in Siam it is not necessary to draw the line at one wife. This method of matchmaking can hardly result in domestic bliss.

## Siamese Love Bathing.

The Siamese are more devoted to the water than any other nation in the world. They are nearly always bathing, generally with their clothes on, and they never go anywhere by land if they can possibly go by water. The streets of Bangkok are like those of Venice, and the inhabitants say that their idea of paradise would be a town with canals, where there were currents in both directions, so that they might be spared the effort of rowing.

## Ships' Anchors.

Ships' anchors cost from 5 to 7 cents a pound, so that a 6,000-pound anchor, which would be a very large one, would cost, even at the lowest price, about \$300, and a big ship that required an anchor of that size would carry two of them. The two big anchors carried by a ship of, say, 2,000 tons, would weigh from 4,000 to 5,000 pounds each.

The Turks have no war songs except those they have translated from other tongues.

The Sandwich Islanders estimate the beauty of women by their weight.

In a square inch of the human scalp the hairs number about 1,000.

Russian railroad trains have smoking cars for women.